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Paddox Primary Newsletter 21 April 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer Term. There will be lots going on this term as ever and I look forward to being part of it. We wanted to let you know that Miss Texeira is leaving school at the end of April. We thank her for everything she has given to Paddox Primary and our children during her time here. If anyone had a message that you would like us to pass on, please let us have it by the end of next week and we will make sure that it gets to her. We wish her every happiness in the next chapter of life.

Best wishes

Kate Guymer - Headteacher

Working with our Local Community

This week, we'd like to share some information about how we are working with the local community and to give you an update on our fundraising efforts!

This year, the School Council along with the help of Mrs Ayris have been tasked with designing a welcoming outdoor reading area. With the help of our local councillor Yousef Dahmash, they have been writing to local businesses to ask them if they would be willing to support their efforts and I am pleased to say that they have so far raised in excess of £2000 to be used to fund the structure itself as well as the books to go in it. This complements the work of FOPs who are also fundraising for the area this year.

In addition, we have also been successful in obtaining a grant from Moto Services in Rugby to go towards creating an outdoor orienteering course which will be bespoke to our school. Mrs Knight is really looking forward to using this to complement our outdoor learning, but it can also be used by class teachers too when the children are learning to use their locational skills in geography.

We are very thankful to all of the businesses involved as without them, none of this would be possible.

We are always looking for new ways to engage with the local community; we are always happy to welcome volunteers into school to hear the children read for example or to talk about their careers, such as in the upcoming Science fair. Equally, we are keen to provide children with opportunities to work with the community outside of the school environment. For example, during the summer term Miss Merrick has organised for all classes in key stage 2 to have a story session with the residents of Overslade Care Home. This was extremely successful last year.

If you have any connections or links with members of the local community who would be happy to work with our pupils, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Barnes - Community Involvement Lead

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1 - Parents and children who attend Jado Kuin Do with Hazel Williams have raised £100 for school by completing a Trade Up Challenge. This involved initially buying a pen, trading for other gifts and a raffle! Well done and thank you very much.

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Stretch and Challenge



At Paddox we believe that students with particular abilities and talents must be recognised and supported to be stretched – intellectually, emotionally, aesthetically, socially and physically. Our ambition is to provide a challenging and stimulating learning environment for all, which offers the opportunities for students to shine and develop an enthusiasm for learning.

Our school has a number of able, talented or gifted pupils, some of whom may perform or have the potential to perform at a level that well exceeds the national expectations for children in their age group. This may be in one area of learning or across a number of subjects. Our definition of ability recognises academic and practical skills as well as those who show outstanding artistic, musical and creative talent, physical skills, leadership qualities and the ability to process ideas and information.

We believe that we can make a difference in enabling these pupils to achieve the greatest possible progress and recognise the value and importance of identifying, developing and celebrating their achievements and successes.

Opportunities for extension and enrichment are built into all of our schemes of work, teaching strategies and daily routines.

Deepen the Moment

Across Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, a shared language is used to support children in their identification of stretch and challenge activities. The term 'Deepen the Moment' has been taken from our English curriculum which has been devised using Jane Considine's 'The Write Stuff.' Deepen the Moment challenges are offered in all lessons and challenges require children to independently draw upon previously learnt skills and apply them to a problem-solving, comparison or explanation-based contexts. The aim of the challenges is to increase the depth of understanding on a curriculum area. Deepen the Moment challenges are pre-planned and can be provided in all aspects of a lesson.

Further to this, in 2021, we introduced Deeper Deepen the Moments to children in maths to enhance challenging learning opportunities for most able learners. Deeper Deepen the Moments are logic-based problem-solving challenges which can require children to work collaboratively with peers to solve the multistep challenges.

Enrichment

Paddox Primary provides a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities, allowing for both enrichment and extension. During the past 18 months, specific stretch and challenge opportunities have included:

- Taskmaster Project in collaboration with Warwick University
- Dyson STEM Club in autumn term
- Imagineering Club in autumn and spring term
- Princethorpe Maths Competition
- Quiz Club Science and Maths Competitions
- The UK Mathematical Trust's Junior Mathematical Challenge.

We also have future plans for:

A Rugby School led Stretch and Challenge Club and a new MENSA designed series of reading challenges.

If you wish to know any further information around our stretch and challenge offer, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Hickling** via **Hickling.M2@welearn365.com**²

EAL as part of inclusion

English as an Additional Language (EAL) is an important area for Paddox Primary. As staff we try to do our best to accommodate each individual pupil. However, if you feel that you need further information about this then please contact either your class teacher or myself - russell.l7@welearn365.com³

At Paddox we are using a new assessment tool to help us to better understand our pupils' needs. This is an assessment tool from The Bell Foundation which provides us with strategies for future learning.

Underneath are some links for stories which can be translated:

<https://storylineonline.net/>

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

P.E Update

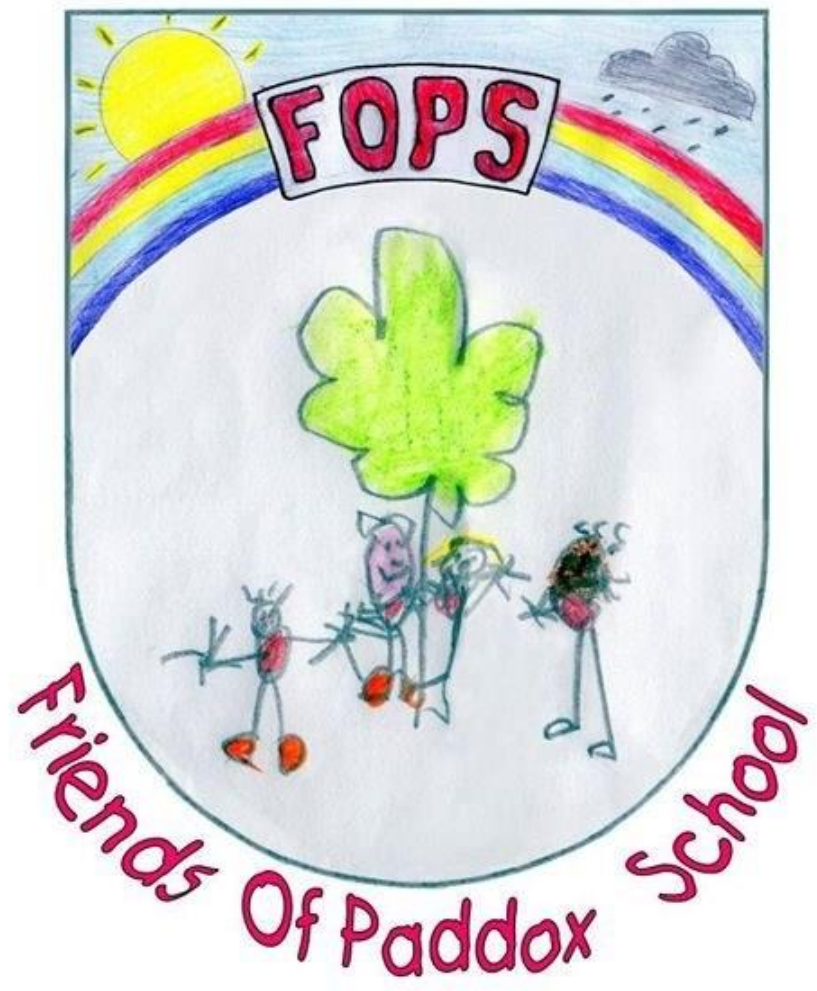


2 - Congratulations to the Year 5 football team for their victory on Monday.

²<mailto:Hickling.M2@welearn365.com>

³<https://russell.l7@welearn365.com>

Friends of Paddox School (FOPS)





We hope you all enjoyed solving the clues and finding the eggs in our Easter Egg Hunt! It raised more than £65 and the winners will be announced in celebration assembly on Monday.

The Sponsored Bunny Run has raised over £1000 so far. This is a fantastic amount; huge thanks to everyone who took the time to ask friends and family to sponsor their children. We'll announce the final total and the winning class next week when the last of the money has been counted.

The clothes bank was emptied this week, for the third time since it arrived in January. It raised £54, bringing the total raised so far to £218. There is currently space in it for more clothes so please continue to drop off your bags. The yellow uniform bin has also been emptied today.

See the Walk to School Week poster in this newsletter for information about our upcoming week of fun based around active travel to school. More details to follow next week!

Important information for our Paddox Families



A UK-wide test of the life-saving public Emergency Alerts system will take place at 3pm this Sunday (23 April 2023).

The Emergency Alerts system is a UK government service which will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding, fires or extreme weather.

To find out more about Emergency Alerts visit: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>

You can opt out of receiving emergency alerts. For more information on how to do this visit: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts/how-alerts-work>

Information from Warwickshire County Council regarding their SEND support

Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer

Has lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send



Tell us what you think...



... and help influence the development of services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Warwickshire

**Progress starts with listening,
which aids understanding and
enables better solutions.**

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback

Important Reminders

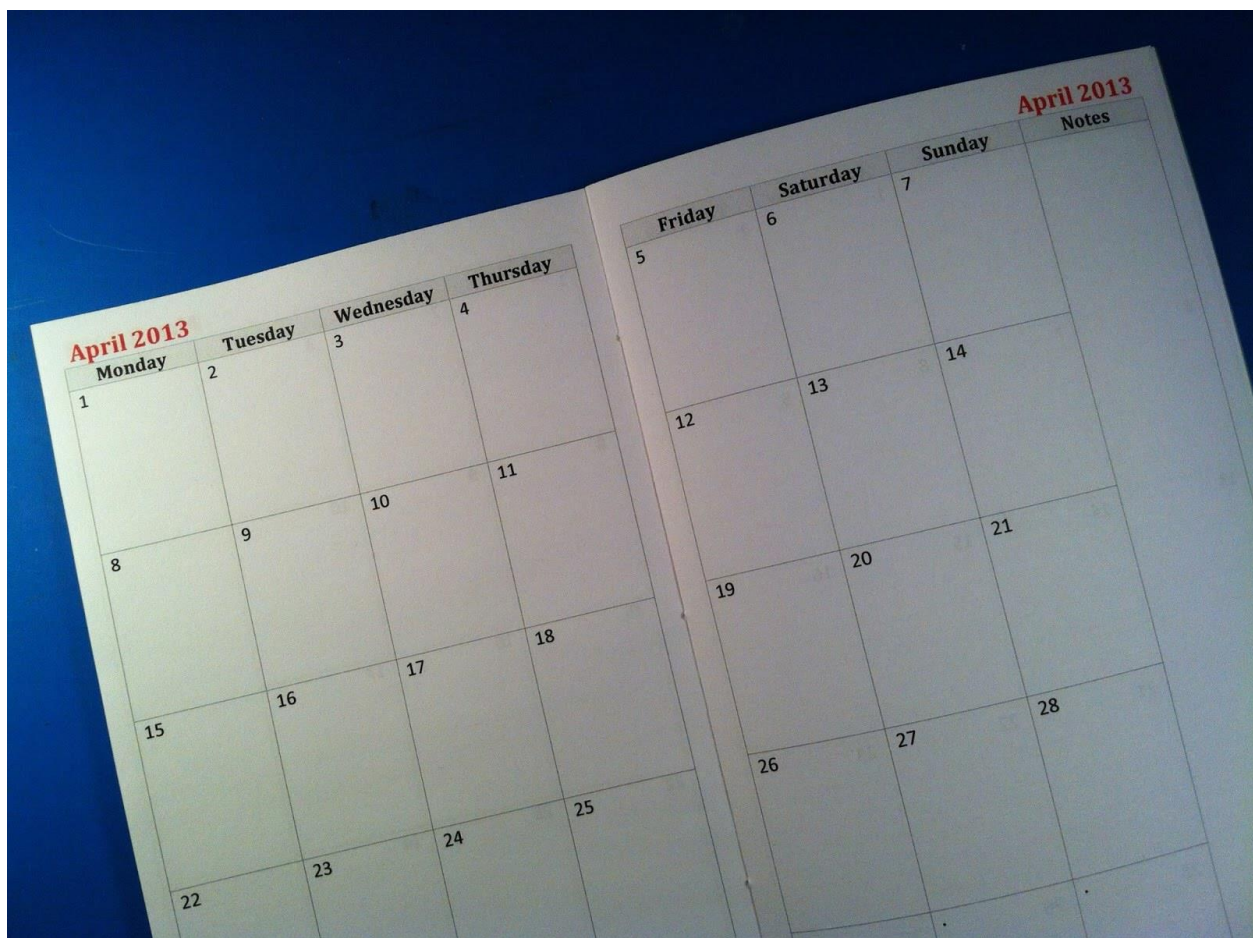


The Orchard Before and Afterschool Club: All information about The Orchard can be found on our website click here⁴

Bookings should be made by 10am on the Friday prior to the following week. Bookings and payments should be made via School Money. Please email admin2625@welearn365.com⁵ if you are unable to login to School Money.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day. The bottle should only contain water (not squash or other drinks). We are unable to provide children with spare bottles or cups.

Dates for your diary



Summer Term after-school clubs will start from week commencing 24 April 2023 - notification emails have been sent to all children who have places. If your child no longer wants to be in a club please email the teacher running the club ASAP

⁴<https://www.paddoxprimary.com/page/?title=The+Orchard&pid=580>

⁵<mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

Parents Evening (whole school): Wednesday 26 April 2023 (330pm - 630pm via Teams) and Thursday 27 April 2023 (330 pm - 630pm in person in the classroom) - the booking system went live on Thursday 30 March 2023

Bank Holidays: Monday 1 May and Monday 8 May are Public Bank Holidays and school will be closed on these days

*Half term is Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June inclusive plus a Teacher Training day on Monday 5 June - children will return to school on **Tuesday 6 June***

All Summer Term dates are uploaded onto our school calendar on our website - please click here⁶

⁶<https://www.paddoxprimary.com/calendar/?calid=3&pid=3&viewid=28>